1996-97 and 1997-98 under various schemes is given below:—

(Rs. in crore)

Name of the Scheme	Amount Allocated 1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Hill Area Development Programme (HADP)	22.23	22.23	22.23
Border Area Development Programme (BADP)	30.81	30.81	30.81
Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP)	17.63	15.58	16.00
Rural Electrification Corporation (REC)	2.61	0.50	1.15

MPLAD Scheme

1829. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any circular/guidelines have been issued regarding MPLAD Scheme, such as Rajya Sabha M.P.s shall select only one district per year for works; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for only one district in the State which he represents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir. However as per para 1.2 of the guidelines on MPLAD Scheme, elected Rajya Sabha MPs representing the whole of the State as they do, may select works for implementation in one or more District(s), as they may choose. Nominated Members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha may select works for implementation in one or more District(s), but within one State of their choice. For ensuring better coordination, MPs will be required to nominate one District Collector who will work as nodal officer for purposes of monitoring the implementation of the projects under the scheme.

(b) Does not arise.

Growth Target for Industrial and Agricultural Sectors

1830. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had fixed the growth target for industrial and agricultural sector in the country particularly in the State of Punjab for the years 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(b) if so, the achievements made in this regard;

(c) the targets fixed for growth rate for industrial and agricultural sector in the year 1999-2000; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The target growth rates for industrial and agriculture sectors for the country have

been fixed as 8.2 per cent per year and 3.9 per cent per year respectively in the Ninth Plan which covers the period 1997 to 2002. The growth targets are not fixed annually. The Central Government do not fix growth targets for the states.

(b) The realised growth rates for the country as a whole in the first two years of Ninth Plan, *i.e.*, for the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 based on quick estimates and advanced estimates are −1.0 per cent and 5.3 per cent respectively in agriculture and allied sectors averaging 2.1 per cent per annum for the two years; and 6.3 per cent and 5.2 per cent respectively in industrial sector averaging 5.7 per cent per annum.

(c) The targets for industrial and agricultural growth are not fixed annually.

(d) Does not arise.

Data Collection Machinery

1831. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in The Times of India dated 5th July, 1998 that India's real GDP is 60 to 100 per cent more than what is indicated; and

(b) what are Government's plans to improve its data-gathering machinery to give a higher and true picture of India's wealth and income?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has decided to establish a National Statistical Commission to critically examine the deficiencies of the present statistical system with a view to recommending measures for a systematic revamping of the system. There is also a proposal for modernising the Indian Statistical System with possible external assistance.

Integrated Fuel Policy

1832. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an integrated fuel policy has been evolved by Energy Policy Committee constituted by Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the salient features of the short term and long term fuel policy for power generation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Energy Policy Committee constituted by Planning Commission has not finalised its report.

Agricultural Growth Target

1833. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Development Council (NDC) has approved the Plan target of annual agricultural growth of 3.9 per cent;

(b) if so, what would be the estimate of increase in food grains production every year;

(c) what additional infrastructure is proposed to maintain an annual agricultural growth rate of 3.9 per cent; and

(d) the details of finances involved to substantiate such targets?